



# NORTHEASTERN REGION FARM LABOR REPORT

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### October Hired Workers Down 7 Percent, Wage Rates Increase 8 Percent from Previous Year

Workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 784,000 for the reference week of October 7-13, 2018, down 7 percent from the October 2017 reference week. There were 843,000 workers hired directly by farm operators on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 8-14, 2018, down 4 percent from the July 2017 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$14.47 per hour during the October 2018 reference week, up 8 percent from October 2017. Field workers received an average of \$13.74 per hour, up 7 percent. Livestock workers earned \$13.38, up 9 percent from the previous year. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$13.64 per hour, was up 8 percent from the 2017 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 41.5 hours during the October 2018 reference week, down slightly from the hours worked during the October 2017 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$14.28 per hour during the July 2018 reference week, up 8 percent from the July 2017 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$13.58 per hour, up 8 percent, while livestock workers earned \$13.22 per hour, up 8 percent from the previous year. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$13.48 per hour, was up 8 percent from July 2017 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 41.2 hours during the July 2018 reference week, down slightly from the hours worked during the July 2017 reference week.

### Northeast Region I (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont)

There were 34,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of July 8-14, 2018. All hired workers worked an average of 39.2 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$13.74 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$13.14 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$12.92 per hour, and field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$13.05 per hour.

There were 36,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of October 7-13, 2018. All hired workers worked an average of 41.8 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$13.95 per hour. Field workers averaged \$13.58 per hour, livestock workers averaged \$12.81 and field & livestock combined earned an average of \$13.30 per hour.

### Northeast Region II (Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania)

There were 42,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of July 8-14, 2018. Hired workers worked an average of 38.8 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$13.45 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$12.57 per hour and livestock worker averaged \$12.83 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$12.655 per hour.

There were 35,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of October 7-13, 2018. Hired workers worked an average of 38.9 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$14.45 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$13.77 per hour and livestock worker averaged \$13.70 per hour. Field & livestock combined earned an average of \$13.75 per hour.

*For the complete "Farm Labor" report, go to:*

<https://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1063>

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